

PATENT

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Applicant:	da Costa e Silva et al.		
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are not applicable.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are not applicable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.